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Please cancel claims 19 and 23.

REMARKS

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 19 and 23 as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants have cancelled these claims while reserving the right to file a divisional application.

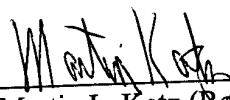
The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended independent claim 18 to delete the term "a" before *Bacillus thuringiensis* as suggested by the Examiner. IN view of this amendment it is submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner stated that "Claims 18, 20 and 21 would be allowable upon resolution of the 35 U.S.C. §112 issue." Favorable consideration and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 18, 20 and 21 is respectfully requested.

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Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Twice Amended) A biologically pure culture of a mutant of [a] *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *Kurstaki* strain EMCC 0086 which potentiates the pesticidal activity of a *Bacillus* related pesticide at least about 1.5 fold,

wherein said *Bacillus* related pesticide is a *Bacillus thuringiensis* delta-endotoxin and said pesticide targets are insects, nematodes, mites or snails, wherein the amount of the factor produced by the mutant is at least about two times more than the amount of the factor produced by the parent strain,

and wherein said factor has ^1H NMR shifts at about δ 1.5, 3.22, 3.29, 3.35, 3.43, 3.58, 3.73, 3.98, 4.07, 4.15, 4.25, and 4.35 and ^{13}C shifts at about 31.6, 37.2, 51.1, 53.3, 54.0, 54.4, 61.5, 61.6, 64.1, 65.6, 158.3, 170.7 and 171.3.